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SUBJ: SIGNS OF GDR INTEREST IN BEGINNING TALKS WITH FRG

1. IN A JUNE 7 TOAST TO A VISITING ROMANIAN STATE AND PARTY DELEGATION HEADED BY CEAUSESCU, SED GENERAL SECRETARY HONECKER MENTIONED THE FRG ONLY BRIEFLY, SAYING THE GDR CONTINUED TO STRIVE TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH THE FRG. ACCORDING TO LAMBACH OF THE FRG PERMREP IN EAST BERLIN, THE FRG IS TAKING HONECKER'S POSITIVE TONE AS A SIGNAL THAT THE GDR WANTS TO GET INITIAL SOUNDINGS BETWEEN WISCHNEWSKI AND KOHL UNDERWAY BEFORE THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE BEGINS. LAMBACH SAID THAT POLITBURO MEMBER HERMANN AXEN HAD ALSO CONVEYED THIS BASIC MESSAGE TO PERMREP GAUS AT A RECEPTION IN EAST BERLIN JUNE 8. AXEN HAD INDICATED THAT THE GDR WANTED TO MAINTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE BEFORE BELGRADE AND ALSO HOPED TO AVOID CONTROVERSY REGARDING JUNE 17 OBSERVANCES IN WEST BERLIN.

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2. LAMBACH SAID IT APPEARED THAT THE OPPOSITION IN BONN WAS PUSHING FOR A DELAY IN THE WISCHNEWSKI-KOHL SOUNDINGS UNTIL AFTER JUNE 17 AT THE EARLIEST AS A WAY OF MAINTAINING SOME LEVERAGE TO INFLUENCE THE GDR NOT TO CREATE DELAYS ON THE TRANSIT ROUTES PRIOR TO POSSIBLE JUNE 17 DEMONSTRATIONS IN WEST BERLIN. POLANSKY

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